On Wednesday 6 March, 2019, the Texas A&M Department of Economics staff went to the Brazos Valley Office of the Ronald McDonald House to drop off numerous boxes filled with items such as paper goods, pencils, snacks, toys, coloring books and other items.

Each quarter, an ECON staff member picks a different charity in which to donate time or resources. This quarter, Rochelle Read (Academic Advisor II) selected The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas in Bryan/College Station for the charitable event. The Central Texas Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in BCS provide a comforting “home-away-from-home” for families to stay so they can fight their child’s illness or injury together. Their Happy Wheels Carts stroll the hospital hallways bringing complimentary items to families waiting by their child’s hospital bedside. ECON faculty, staff, and graduate students chipped in to donate all kinds of goodies to this worthy cause.

Rochelle has been volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House since she was an undergraduate student at Texas A&M. The Ronald McDonald House is the philanthropy her sorority Alpha Delta Pi supports through fundraising efforts and volunteer hours every year. While living in Arlington, TX, Rochelle volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth helping make beds and serve dinner to guests. Rochelle chose this charity to continue supporting the organization that is very near and dear to her heart.

*ECON Staff talk with Shannon Cashion, Director of the Ronald McDonald House of Bryan/College Station (2nd from right) on 6 March, 2019.*

*L to R: Rochelle Read, Chelsi Bass, Ludim Garcia, Margaret Carpenter, Shannon Cashion, Mary Owens*
ECON staff donate items to the Central Texas Ronald McDonald House on 6 March, 2019.

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